Jabalpur in the Category of Backward Districts

† 3730. SHRI P.K MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for keeping Jabalpur district in the category of developed districts from industrial point of view;

(b) the reasons for not declaring Jabalpur as backward district from industrial point of view despite it being a earthquake affected district;

(c) whether there are schemes for attracting industrialist here or any exemption has been given or Government are contemplating to give any exemption; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Districts have been categorized as Category A and Category B districts on the basis of their composite index for measuring industrial backwardness. Against the weighted index of national average of 1500, those districts having composite index upto 250 have been put into category A and those having composite'index from 251 to 500 in category B. As the weighted index count for Jabalpur is 1336, Jabalpur has not been classified as Category A or B for the purpose of Sec. 80 1B of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

(c) and (d) With the delicensing of non-strategic sectors, promoters are free to take locational decision. State Governments offer various incentives to attract investment.

Programme produced in Government owned studios

† 3731. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have their own studios where programmes are produced for telecasting on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the average number of programmes produced monthly in these studios;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the total number of these studios; and

(d) the total amount spent on the maintenance on these studios?

THE MINISTEROF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati has intimated that they have their own studios.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) 58, Sir.

(d) The total amount spent for maintenance of these studios is Rs. 8.15 crores, approximately, during the year 2000-2001.

DD Channels to viewers through cable operators

3732. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the DD channels are reaching the viewers through cable operators;

(b) whether Government have formulated any code of conduct in this regard:

(c) if so, the details thereof: and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) No, Sir. Doordarshan is presently operating 21 channels all of which are not retransmitted by cable operators.

(b) to (d) As per Section 8(1) of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, it is mandatory for every cable operator to retransmit at least two DD terrestrial channels and one regional language channel of a State in the Prime Band in Satellite mode on frequencies other than those carrying terrestrial frequencies. Prasar Bharati *vide* their notifications S.O. No. 823(E) dated 13-09-2000 and S.O. No. 82(E) dated 29-01 -2001 have specified the number, name of, DD channels to be retransmitted by cable operators in their cable service in different States.